PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the season of the year has returned when nature is quickened into new life, and man once again becomes aware of the marvels of growing things; and

WHEREAS, down through the years, trees have been the universal symbol of God's bounty of good and plenty in our Nation; and

WHEREAS, trees temper the winter and summer winds, and thereby control erosion, protect watersheds, provide wildlife habitat and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, tree planting ceremonies provide an important educational experience for our youth, making them more conscious of the value and need of trees and their proper care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARCHIE GUBBRUD, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 26, 1963, as

ARBOR DAY

and respectfully urge that appropriate ceremonies be held in the public schools; that civic, church, farm and youth organizations unite in directing the attention of the people to the need and importance of tree planting. I earnestly request that the day be observed in a loyal and public spirited manner and that during the coming year we exercise thought and effort in conserving our natural resources through wise use.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this /1 day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three.

Archie Gubbrud, Governor

ATTEST:

Essie Wiedenman, Secretary of State